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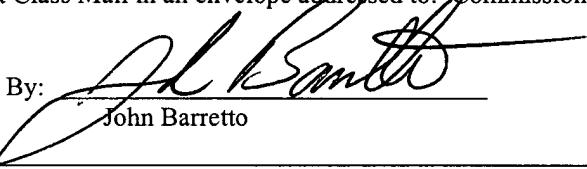
In re Application of: Fine et al.) Attorney Docket No.: AKT-053.02
Serial No.: 09/787,325) Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: June 4, 2001) Examiner: Criares, T.J.
For: *Combinations of Chromium or Vanadium*)
with Antidiabetics for Glucose)
Metabolism Diseases)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement of September 10, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species II. The generic and species claims readable on the elected species, compositions and methods of use thereof wherein the anti-diabetic agent is a sulfonylurea and the bioavailable source is vanadium, are 97, 98, 100, 103, 104, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 120, 122, 123, 125, 126, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, and 134.

For a restriction requirement to be valid, the Examiner must establish that the search and examination of the entire application cannot be made without serious burden. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

(M.P.E.P § 803). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of all claims simultaneously.

Any questions raised by this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 832-1754. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**.

Respectfully submitted,
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